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MINUTES
Winter Executive Committee Meeting
Room 312, State Education Building
Sacramento, California
January 12-13, 1978

The first session of the January Executive Committee Meeting was called to order by President Gary Souza at 1:06 p.m., in Room 312 of the State Education Building in Sacramento, California. Roll was taken with seven regional presidents, six state officers, and one assistant state FFA advisor. Those absent were Randy Heinrich and Mr. Donald E. Wilson.

President Gary gave opening remarks.

The minutes were reviewed by secretary Kim Scott. Greg Beard moved that the minutes be accepted as written. Julie Silva seconded. Motion was carried.

Special agenda items were suggested. They were:

- a. Nominations from floor be limited
- b. State Sweetheart Contest be a contest of regional sweethearts
- c. Limit members from chapters to be sent to National Convention

Cindy Thomas, State Treasurer, gave the treasurer's report stating that there was \$863 left over from last year's budget. Officers' travel was \$12,500 at the beginning of the year. \$9,095.55 was spent as of yet leaving \$3,405. The Foundation has given us \$500, therefore totaling \$3,905.

Mr. Wilson (now present).

Tony Washington moved to accept the treasurer's report. John Schouten seconded the motion. Motion was voted on and passed.

Mr. Wilson talked about membership and gave a run-down on how each region was doing.

North Coast - membership: last year - 1,429 present - 1,537

Those chapters which haven't paid dues are Brentwood, Covelo, Danville, Fairfield-Armijo, Forestville, Kelseyville, Pleasanton, Potter Valley, Sonoma, and Tomales.

South Coast - membership: last year - 1,461 present - 1,709

Those chapters which haven't paid dues are Morgan Hill, Salinas, Lelano, Lincoln, San Luis Obispo, San Jose-James Lick, Shandon, and Laguna.

Superior - membership: last year - 1,518 present - 1,373

Those chapters which haven't paid dues are Anderson, Arbuckle, Etna, Los Molinos, Marysville, Yreka.

Central - membership: last year - 2,893 present - 2,855

Those chapters which haven't paid dues are Galt, Le Grand, Linden, Livingston, Rio Linda, San Andreas-Calaveras, Stockton, Manteca-East Union, Modesto-Beyer, Newman, Orangeville-Casa Roble, Sacramento-Burbank, Shingle Springs-Ponderosa.

San Joaquin - membership: last year - 3,567 present - 3,869

All chapters have paid dues.

Southern - membership: last year - 2,529 present - 2,094

Those chapters who haven't paid dues are Barstow, Beaumont, Calexico, Carlsbad, Imperial, Julian, Oceanside, Perris, San Marcos, Victorville-Victor Valley, Winterhaven, and Yucaipa.

Southwestern - membership: last year - 1,621 present - 1,496

Those chapters which have not paid dues are Bell, Carson, Costa Mesa, Gardena, La Habra, La Habra-Sonora, LA-Fremont, LA-Crenshaw, LA-Jefferson, LA-Venice, North Hollywood, Sylmar, Westminster, Ventura-Buena, Placentia-Valencia, Santa Paula.

Mr. Wilson also talked about the Voc. Ed. problem and the letters that have been written concerning the problem.

Mr. Wilson stated that the dates for convention (May 6-9) have a tentative okay.

Mr. Wilson stated that the Bank of America would like to sponsor 25-30 members to the Livestock Symposium in Fresno. His suggestion was to send the State championship judging teams with each school taking the responsibility of their own team.

Tony Washington introduced Kenneth Sutton from Brawley as a guest. Kenneth talked of the possible judging day at Davis on April 8.

Mike Simpson gave a report on the state magazine. The next issue will be out in February. He explained about the Star Regional Reporter application. Each region is to bring their No. 1 choice and convince the state officers at the next meeting; the same applies to Star Advisor.

Gary Souza gave an activity report on the year thus far.

Tony Washington reported on the state officer tour.

The next items of business were the final recommendations for Honorary State Farmers. The recommended are: Assemblyman Thurman, Assemblyman Waters, Assemblyman Perino, Mr. C. Paul Stark, and Mr. Keith Smith. Sandy McGuire moved to accept the five which were recommended. Mark Haag seconded the motion. Mike Simpson moved to amend the motion to read "highly recommend." Sandy McGuire seconded. Amendment was voted on and carried. The main motion was voted on and passed.

Those candidates which were withdrawn will be carried over to next year for consideration. They are Dr. Cunha, Dean Brown, Mr. Nolan, and Mr. Hutchings.

Mike Simpson talked on National FFA Week. Lt. Governor Dymally will kick off the 50th Anniversary with tapes of the Foundation and organization. He will make the proclamation by the Governor for the 50th Anniversary.

The next item of business was the regional presidents' report:

North Coast - Regional meeting, Willits on March 31 and April 1. Kim, Cindy, and Gary are assigned. (Sectional dates haven't been submitted.)

South Coast - Regional meeting, Santa Ynez on February 4. Kim and Cindy are

assigned. Santa Barbara Section Public Speaking - 8 p.m. January 18; Monterey Section Public Speaking - January 18; San Luis Obispo Section Field Day - February 25 in Paso Robles; Monterey Section Parli-Pro - March 1.

Superior - Regional meeting, Chico University on March 11. Gary and Kim are assigned to attend. Marysville Section Parli-Pro - January 26 in Yuba City; Red Bluff Section Parli-Pro - January 28 at Orland HS; Butte-Colusa Section Parli-Pro - February 16 at Butte College; Alturas Section Parli-Pro - February 22 in Cedarville. All public speaking contests are on the same days. Chico State Field Day - March 3 and 4, all officers assigned to attend.

Central - Regional meeting, Delta College on February 25. Cindy and Gary are assigned to attend. (The dates for sectional contests haven't been submitted as of yet.)

San Joaquin - Dates will be mailed to each officer. Cow Palace, March 15-21, Kim and Cindy are assigned to attend. "Emphasis '78", April 20-21, UC Davis, all officers are assigned to attend. California Seed Association, April 12, Hotel Fairmont. Fresno Field Day, April 15, Fresno State--Cindy, Mike and Gary are assigned to attend.

Southern - Regional meeting, Cal Poly, Pomona, at 8 a.m. Mark and Tony are assigned. Desert Field Day - January 21. Scrapbook judging - April 8.

Southwestern - Regional meeting, Buena Park HS on April 1 at 8:30. Mark, Tony and Mike are assigned to attend. Sectional Parli-Pro at Pierce Field Day - March 4. Cal Poly, Pomona Field Day - April 8--Mark and Tony assigned. Regional screening meeting - March 11, Sacramento. Orange Section Public Speaking and Parli-Pro - March 14, Mission Viejo. Ventura Section Public Speaking - March 15. Antelope Section Parli-Pro - March 8. Regional officers are making up certificates to award chapters when the membership raises to meet the region's goal.

The constitutional changes were then gone over for next year's consideration. They are:

- a. Limited nominations from floor
- b. State Sweetheart
- c. Three percent of members to State Farmer Degree
- d. All motions at convention only be accepted in a positive form
- e. National Convention - members from chapters attending be limited
- f. Nominating Committee at convention be lowered to two instead of three members from each region

Melvin Muela brought up the need of a State Farmer activity during the convention.

Melvin also talked on setting a limit of members going to National Convention. Mr. Davis stated that state teams may no longer go on the chartered plane to the National Convention.

Discussion of Bank of America sponsoring teams to the symposium took place. It was suggested that the proficiency winners be sent also. Cindy moved to accept the proposal that the state team winners and proficiency winners be sent to the livestock symposium, sponsored by the Bank of America, with each school being responsible. Mike seconded motion. Voting took place and motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m. returning on Friday, January 13, 1978 at 8 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:15 a.m. on January 13, 1978 in Room 312 of the State Education Building.

The next item of business was the State Convention.

The program format was read by Kim Scott. The theme is: FFA at 50, California's Golden Harvest. The proposed date is May 6-9. Special features were discussed, those being Governor Brown to be invited; birthday cake; past state president's luncheon (Mr. Davis contacting the president); first national officer - Mr. Augustine; contacting the first chartered FFA member from Lodi to attend.

The Executive Committee dinner was scheduled on Saturday with Governor Brown, depending on his appearance.

The problem of transportation to the convention came up, and it was decided to leave it up to each region's supervisor.

Special Guests to Convention - Governor Brown; State President and State Vice-President from Kentucky; National Officer Howard Morrison; Oregon & Arizona Presidents Grange and Prince; Presidents from DECA, FBLA, FHA, and VICA; Young Farmer President; CATA President; Dr. Riles; Mr. Barrett; State Sweetheart; Dan Dooley; Mr. Sullivan; Mr. McMillan; and Foundation President Mr. Boster.

Keynote Speaker - First choice - Governor Brown; second choice - Dan Dooley; third choice - Ronald Reagan; fourth choice - Ken Maddy.

Committee Assignments -

Entertainment - Mark Haag chairman. Bill Ritchey assistant. Each region will be providing two entertainers. It was decided to use taped music instead of an organ player. Mr. Davis will check on the Lt. Governor from Oklahoma to come. The names of each region's entertainers are to be submitted to Mark by April 9.

Decorations - Kim and Cindy chairmen, Greg and Julie assisting. Props for State Farmer, etc. are under decoration committee with Cindy as chairman.

Special Assignments During the Convention -

1. Public Speaking - Cindy Thomas
2. Creed Contest - Kim Scott
3. Parli-Pro - Mike Simpson (novice) and Tony Washington (se ior)
4. State Contest - All officers

Awards Program

1. Star Section Farmer - Mark Haag as M.C.
2. Star State Farmer - " " " "
- b. Proficiency Awards - All officers

The banquet will try to be changed to Sunday; if not possible, then it will be scheduled for Monday night.

Tony will run the Best Informed Delegate Contest.

The State Farmer breakfast was discussed. It was decided to have a barbeque-style luncheon at 12 noon on Sunday instead of the breakfast. Mr. Davis will look into this matter.

Tony Washington read over his ideas for Cortesy Corps being he is chairman. John Schouten will assist.

Regional Officer Assignments

1. Fairs & Shows - Gail Kluft
2. State Magazine - Sandy McGuire

It was decided to have buttons for people at the convention. Delegates - white and blue; Guests - blue; State Farmers - gold.


Registration - Each regional supervisor will take care of the registration in their region. Guests will receive their button at the convention.

Melvin Muela stated that there is a group that would like to appear at the convention. Gary will see them on February 4 and then decide.

The Stoffer Chemical Company film was discussed. The committee would like to have it shown at the convention.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kim Scott". The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed on a light-colored rectangular background.

Kim Scott
State Secretary